The Effect of Values on Ethnic Cleavages

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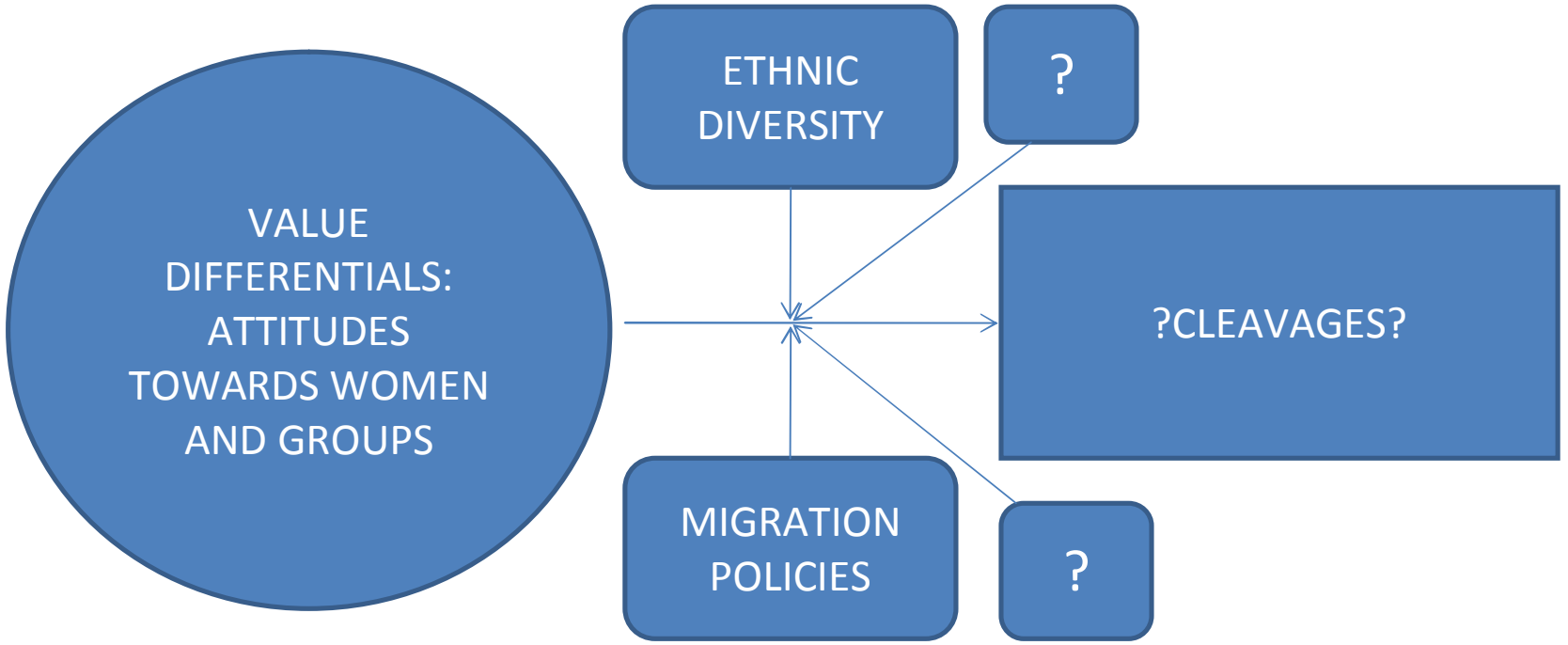
General logic

- Migrants enter a country
- Migrants are bearers of their countries' values
- With migrant flows values penetrate into receiving society
- Differentials of values bring about certain types of relations between groups

General scheme



Original general hypotheses

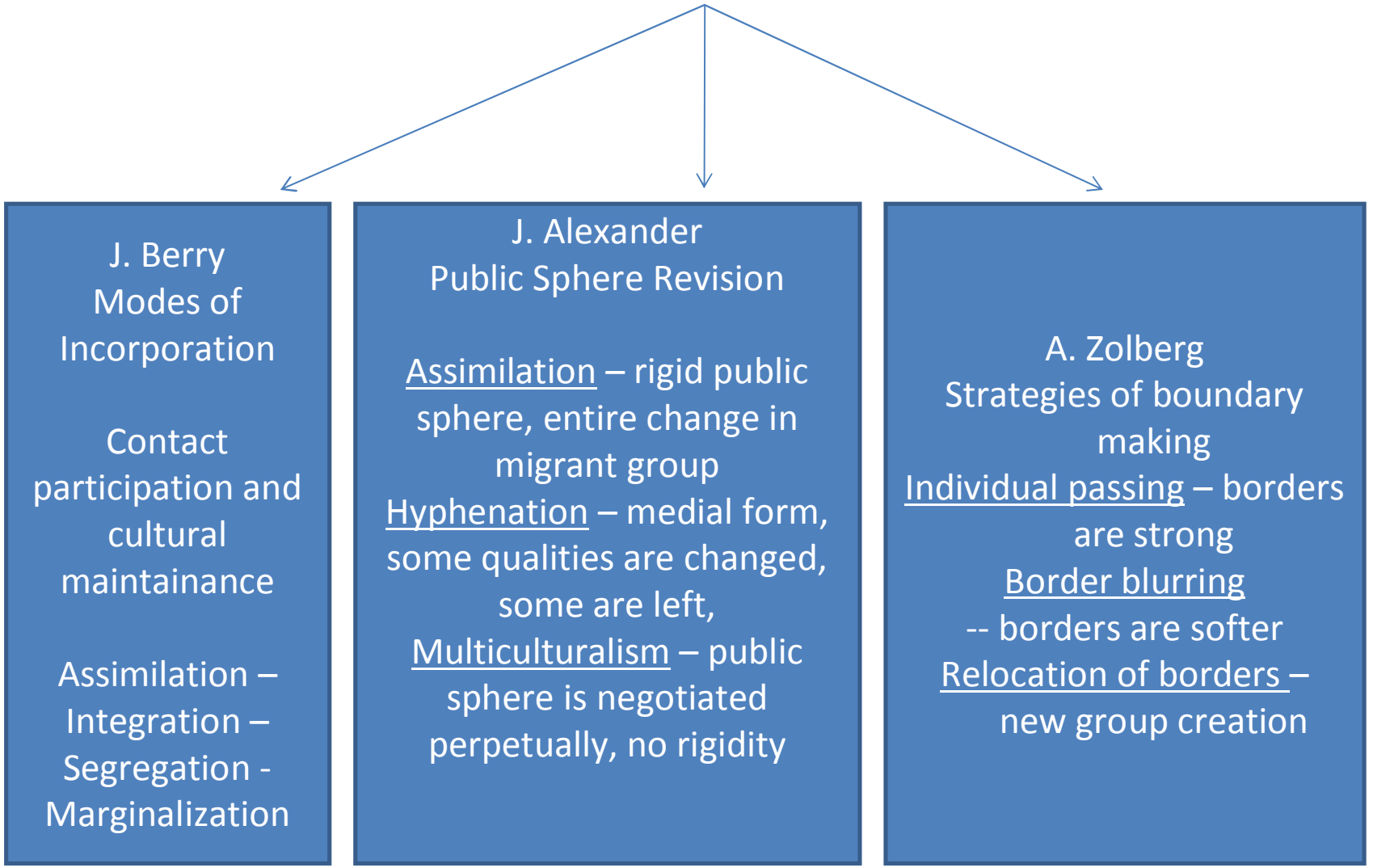
- The bigger the differential between attitudes towards women, the bigger the cleavage
- If attitudes towards level of grouping don’t match, cleavage will exist

?CLEAVAGES?

- Good metaphor, no straightforward translation into theory
- Implications: relation, conflict, tension…

INCORPORATION?

3 ways to conceptualize incorporation

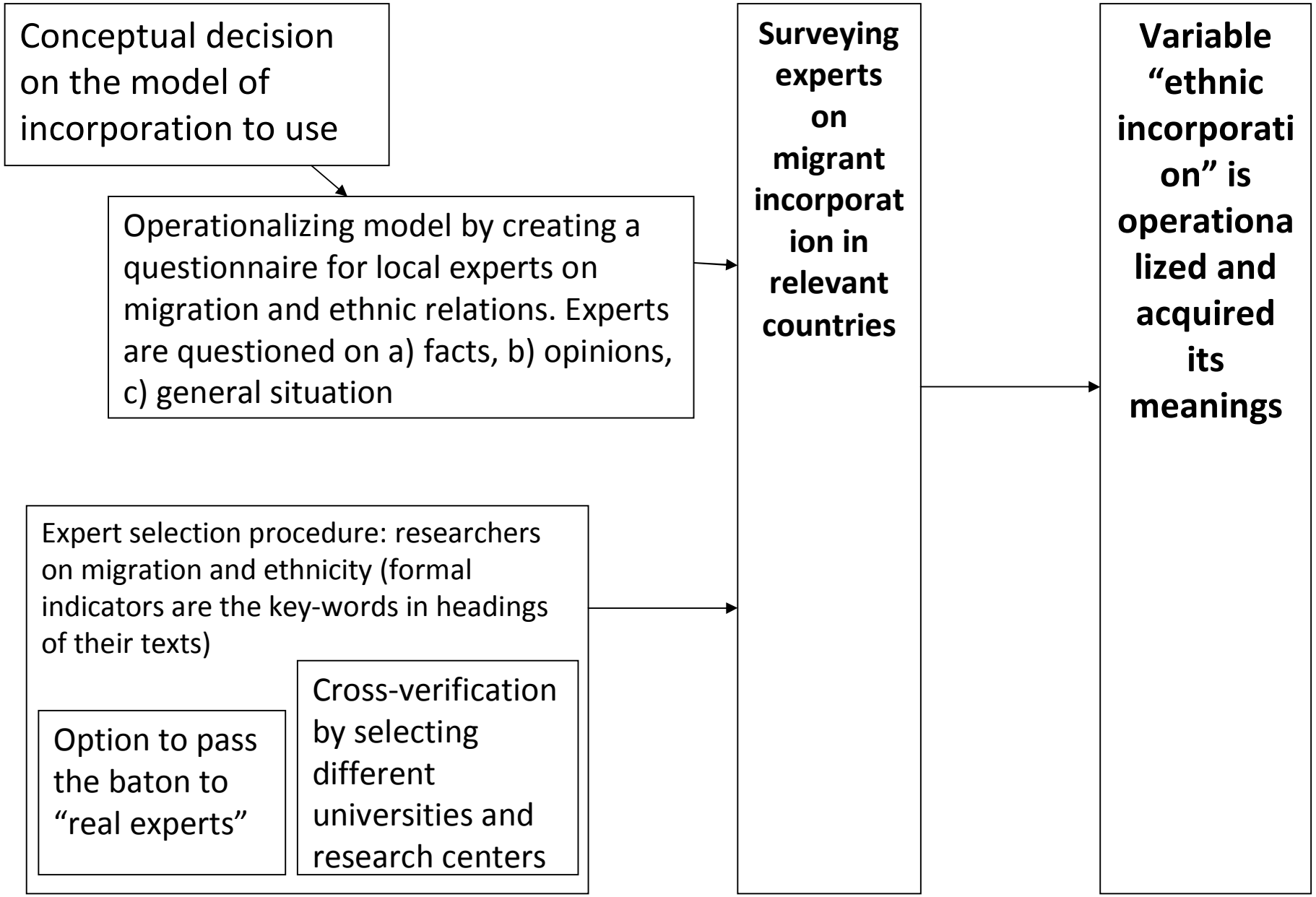


Operationalization

- Minorities at Risk – limited number of groups
- No data describing migrant groups – proof by James Fearon (comprehensive dataset on ethnic groups)

OWN DATASET RELIANT ON

EXPERT SURVEY PROCEDURE?


Conceptual decision on the model of incorporation to use
Operationalizing model by creating a questionnaire for local experts on migration and ethnic relations. Experts are questioned on a) facts, b) opinions, c) general situation
Expert selection procedure: researchers on migration and ethnicity (formal indicators are the key-words in headings of their texts)
Option to pass the baton to "real experts"
Cross-verification by selecting different universities and research centers
Surveying experts on migrant incorporation in relevant countries
Variable "ethnic incorporation" is operationalized and acquired its meanings

Additional Variables: Migration Policy

- Mahnig and Wimmer:
  - Policies to guarantee equality under the Law,
  - Policies against racial discrimination,
  - Policies against social disadvantage,
  - Policies of information and dialogue,
  - Making public institutions accessible to migrants

CUMULATIVE INDEX?

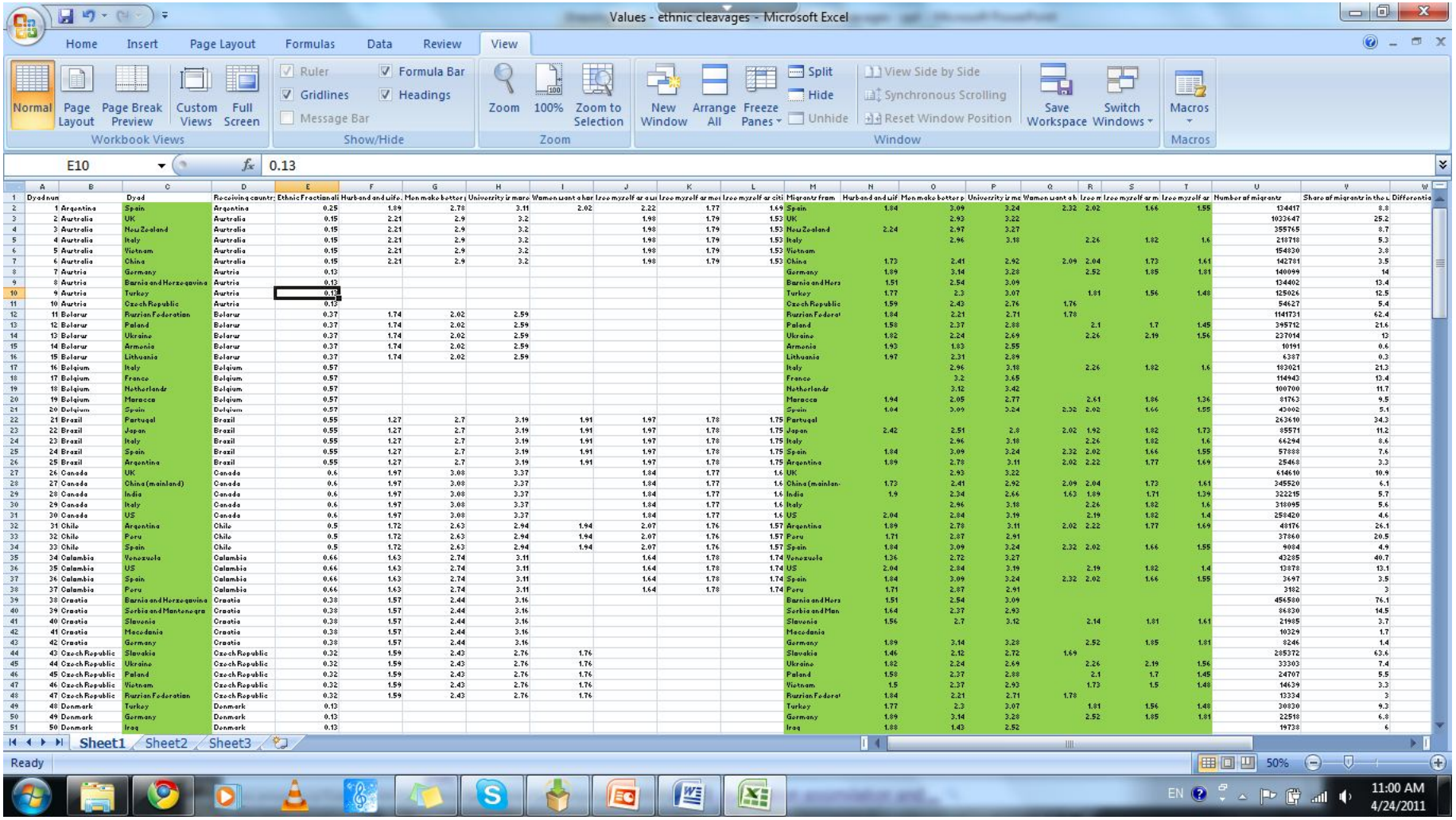
Additional Variables: Ethnic Structure

- J. Fearon – Ethnic Fractionalization Index (built upon *Atlas Narodov Mira*)

$$F = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i^2.$$

F – fractionalization and
p1, p2, p3 – the population shares of different ethnic groups present in a country

Dataset sample



Questions for Discussion:

- Whether to continue with incorporation rather than with conflict (my considerations for it are presented above).
- What theory of incorporation to acquire? This will entail acquisition of a typology and formulation of precise hypotheses.
- Is it possible to create a dataset on migrant incorporation in relevant countries through the suggested technique? If not, either other datasets should be found (I couldn't find appropriate) or the research design should be changed.